

FOURTH ASHTAKA—SIXTH ADHYAYA.

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ADHYAYA VI.

MANDALA VI. (*continued*).

ANUVAKA II. (*continued*).

SUKTA II. (XVII.)

The deity is INDRA ; the *Ruhi* BHARADWAJA ; the
metre is
Trishtubh

1. Fierce INDRA, glorified by us, drink
that *Soma* ^
(animated) by which thou hast
discovered the vast
herd of cattle (stolen by the *Panis*), and,
overcomer
of enemies, wielder of the* thunderbolt,
thou hast slain,
by thy strength all opposing foes.
2. Drink it, INDRA, thou who enjoyest the
flavour-
less *Soma*; thou who art the preserver, the
handsome-
chinned, the showerer (of benefits) on
those who
praise thee; who art the breaker of
mountains, the
wielder of the thunderbolt, the curber of
steeds, do
thou bestow upon us various food.
3. Brink it as of old, and may it
exhilarate thee:
hear our prayer, and be'exalted by our
praises; make
the sun visible, nourish us with food,
destroy our
enemies, rescue the cattle.
4. Abounding in food, INDRA, let these
exhilarating
draughts copiously bedew thee, the
resplendent: let
the inebriating juices delight thee who
art mighty,
deficient in no (excellence), powerful,
manifold, the
overcomer of foes.
5. By which (juices) being exhilarated
thou hast
appointed the sun and the dawn (to
their offices),
driving away the solid (glooms): thou hast
penetrated,
INDRA, the mountain, unmoved from' its
own seat,
concealing the cattle.